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See attachment re: non-responsive (and non-compliant) amendment.

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Notice of Non-Responsive (and non-compliant) Amendment

1. The reply filed on March 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Several of the amendments to several of the claims as presented include errors such that the exact intended claim text is ambiguous. In particular, in claim 84, line 2 of step (c), the term "substrate" is newly found in the claim but was not underlined, this rendering it difficult to determine whether it was an intended addition to the claim. Likewise, lines 2-3 of claim 85 present text that includes *both* underlining and strikethrough of the presented text – it therefore is not clear what claim language is intended from this reply.

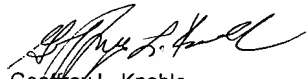
See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Note: In addition, the amendment filed on March 12, 2004 is considered **non-compliant** because it fails to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 as amended. In particular, the status identifiers "previously canceled", "previously amended" and "previously added" are not proper status identifiers. They should (apparently) be "canceled", "previously presented" and "previously presented", respectively.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Geoffrey L. Knable whose telephone number is 571-272-1220. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on 571-272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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